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WRITING AWARDS

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FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, May 24, 2007 --The Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth is pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 Commander's General William E. DePuy Writing Competition on the topic of "Stability Operations." The writing competition, announced in August 2006, is the second annual Commanding General's special topics writing competition.

This year's competition was open to anyone conducting serious research on issues related to stability operations.

Forty-one manuscripts were received and judged by a panel composed of distinguished invited readers as well as experts drawn from the U.S. Army's Combined Arms Center staff and faculty.

The winners are: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – "S.W.E.T. and Blood – Establishing and Restoring Essential Services as a Battle Between Insurgents and Counterinsurgents During Stability Operations," by MAJ Erik A. Claessen, Belgian Army - \$1000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – "Reflecting on Stability Operations," by MAJ Michael B. Siegl - \$750; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – "The New Legs Race: Critical Perspectives on Biometrics in Iraq," by Andrew Hom - \$500; 4<sup>th</sup> Place – "Finding America's Role in a Collapsed North Korean State," by CPT Jonathan Stafford - \$250.

Others recognized for Honorable Mention are: "A Disregarded Dimension in the War on Terror," by MAJ Todd A. Schmidt - \$100; "Stabilizing Influence: Developing a Micro-Financial Services Capability," by James E. Shircliffe Jr - \$100; "Preparing for Economics in Stability

Operations: The Way Ahead,” by Dr. David A. Anderson / MAJ Andrew Wallen – Share of \$100 award.

Members of the panel who reviewed this year’s contest submissions are:

- Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely, Director, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom

- Mr. James Dobbins, Director, RAND Center for International Security and Defense Policy and former Envoy to Afghanistan

- Dr. James H. Willbanks, Professor, National Security Affairs, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

- Dr. Seth Jones, RAND Center for International Security and Defense Policy

- Dr. Nora Bensahel, RAND Center for International Security and Defense Policy

- Mr. Gene Del Bianco, U.S. State Department representative to the Command and General Staff College (Political-Military Advisor, U.S. Embassy-Kuwait, 2002-2004)

The winning manuscripts will be published in upcoming editions of *Military Review*, the professional journal of the U.S. Army, which is published at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Honorable Mentions and distinguished submissions that were not recognized for special recognition will be given preferential consideration for publication subject to space constraints and continuing relevance of topic.

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